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The RecTech Monthly

RecTech Turns Ten: Be a Part of It!

RecTech is making a lot of big changes this year; we're expanding programming and locations, increasing community awareness, diversifying fundraising efforts, and building stronger partnerships. As a RecTech supporter, we need you to make it all happen- we need you to join the *RecTech Coalition*. By lending us your energy and expertise for quarterly meetings and special projects, you can help set the trajectory and build the foundation for RecTech's *next* ten years. Our next meeting has just been set for Wednesday, May 18th. If you are interesting in sharing your time and skills with the RecTech coalition, please contact Michelle at michelle.ayers@seattle.gov or 206-233-7005.

RecTech Summer Internships: Applications Available

RecTech is pleased to offer *four* full-time paid internships this summer, July 11th - August 25th. Applications are available now and will be due by May 31st. *Participants who successfully complete the program earn a \$599 stipend and service learning credits.*
Contact us for more information about these four unique opportunities...

**Youth Media
Corps @
Delridge
Community
Center**

**From Garden
to Table: Food-
Based
filmmaking &
Digital Design
@ Garfield
Community
Center**

**Sampling
History: Hip
Hop Music
Production @
Rainier
Community
Center**

**Web Design
and Your
Community @
South Park
Community
Center**

This month's *RecTech Reach* story comes from Chongsun Ahn at Miller Community Center. He told us about a woman who has been trying to find work since the middle of last year. She has had a difficult time searching for jobs, perfecting her resume, and applying for positions online because she doesn't have internet access at home. She's tried working in other public access sites, but the lack of consistent support and strict internet time limits made it difficult to make much progress. In March, however, she discovered the RecTech computer lab at Miller and our dedicated site lead Chongsun. After just a few weeks working with Chongsun and the resources at Miller, she has been invited for 4 interviews, a great success rate (especially in the current economy!). She hasn't gotten an offer yet, but it seems like only a matter of time. **Real people, real change. Made possible by RecTech.**



RecTech Stats: March 2011

What a month! Preliminary reports estimate nearly 3600 visits to RecTech labs this month. At Rainier and Yesler, many visited the RecTech labs for free tax preparation through United Way's Tax Help program. At Yesler alone this month, nearly 200 tax returns have been filed resulting in \$241,000 in tax refunds, \$47,000 of which were from the Earned Income Tax Credit. Volunteers contributed a total of 306 hours this month, a value of \$4,590! Many thanks to RecTech's volunteers, staff, and supporters for helping us achieve yet another successful month in service to our community.

Stay tuned for more exciting news and updates next month, including:

- RecTech's 2011 First Quarter Progress Report!
- Spring program updates!
- Meet RecTech's new Volunteer and Partnerships Coordinator!
- RecTech logo contest launch!

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